




# **UPDATE: Scholar Success Program & FAFSA Filing Progress**

March 9, 2017

# Scholar Success Program



GRADE	REQUIRED ACTIVITIES		
09	Create a Graduation Plan <sup>1</sup>	Participate in an Extracurricular or Service Activity	Watch "Paying for College 101"
10	Take a Career Interests Assessment	Get Workplace Experience <sup>2</sup>	Estimate the Costs of College
11	Visit a College Campus	Take a College Entrance Exam (ACT/SAT)	Search for Scholarships <sup>3</sup>
12	Submit Your College Application	Watch "College Success 101"	File Your FAFSA

1. Plan should be updated annually to keep students on track for high school graduation and college admission.

2. Includes job shadowing, internship, part-time employment, interviewing a professional or related experience linked to a student's career aspirations.

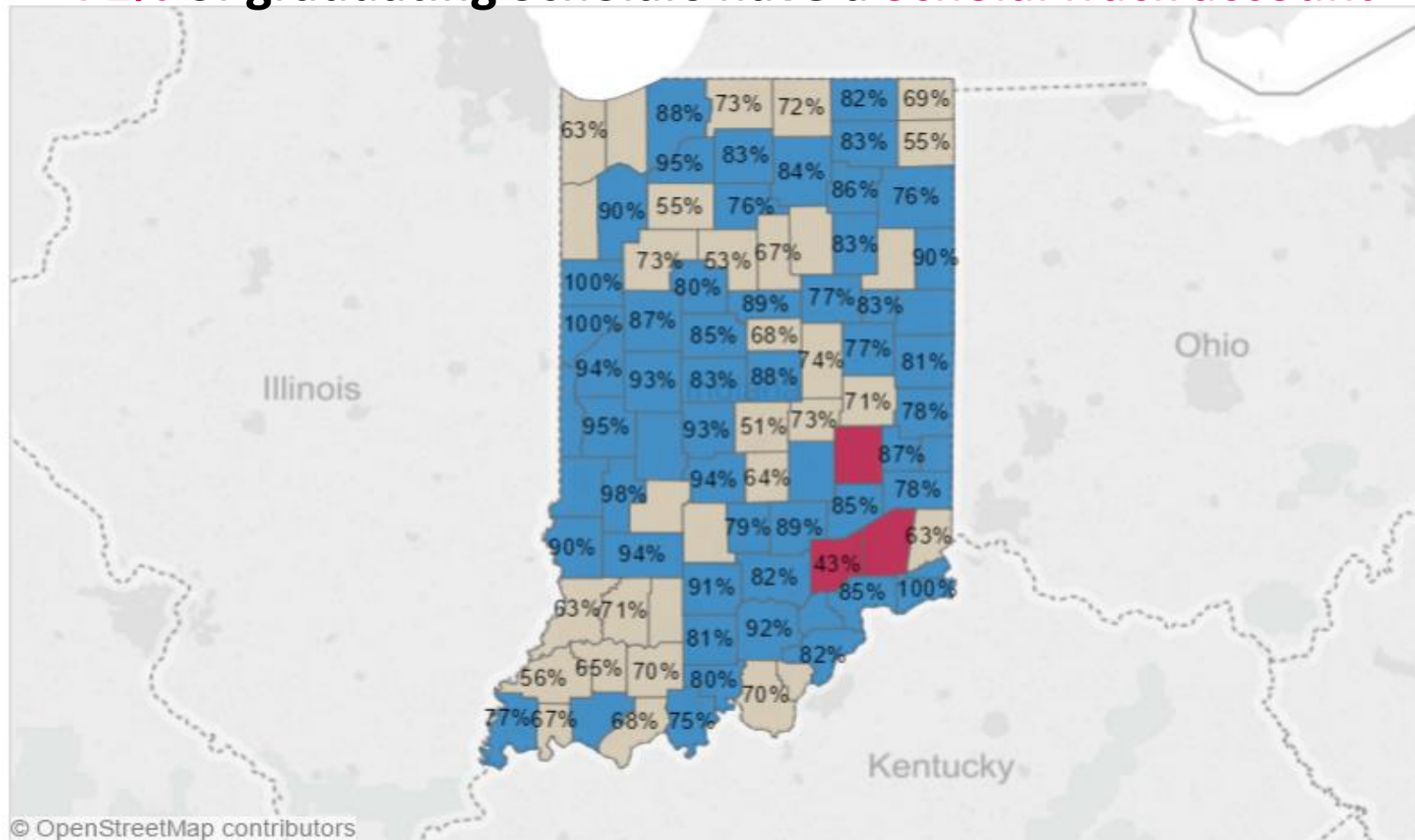
3. Includes any additional scholarship opportunities beyond the 21st Century Scholarship.



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# ScholarTrack Registration: June 2016

**71%** of graduating Scholars have a **ScholarTrack** account



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**RISK**

**HIGH** - 50% or below

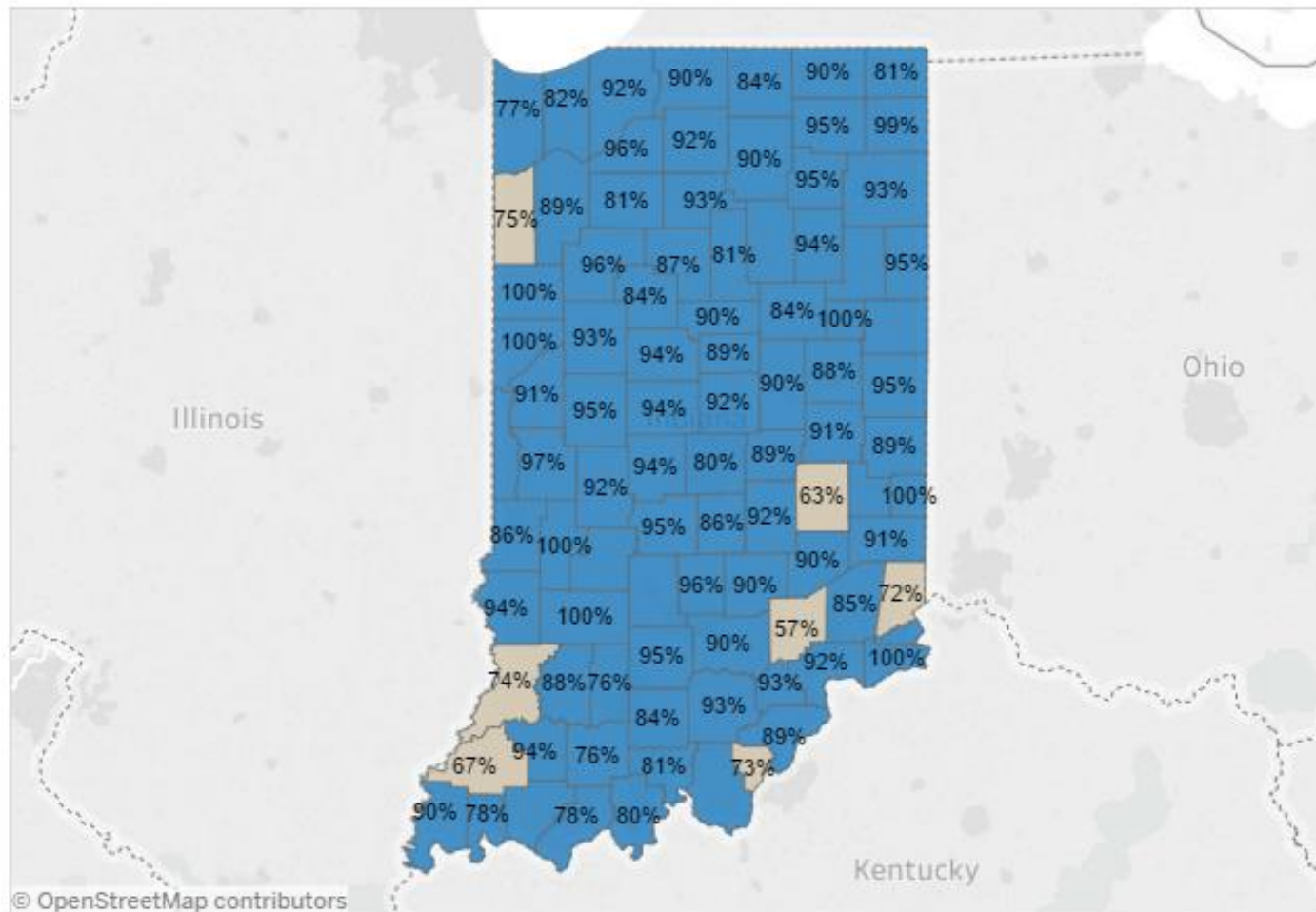
**MEDIUM** - 51% to 75%

**LOW** - 76% and above

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# ScholarTrack Registration: March 2017

**86%** of graduating Scholars have a **ScholarTrack** account

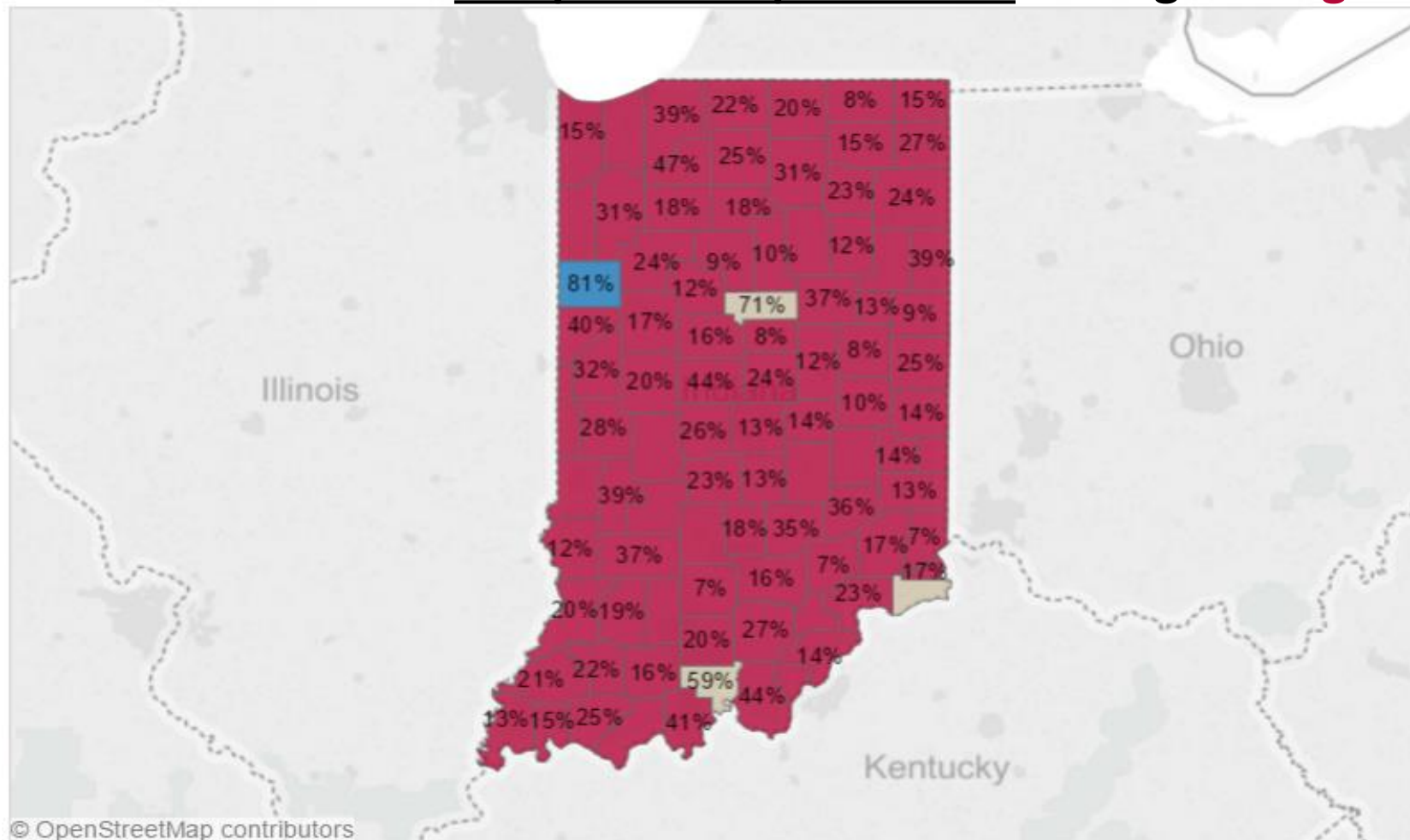


**RISK** | **HIGH** - 50% or below | **MEDIUM** - 51% to 75% | **LOW** - 76% and above

Updated 03/07/2017

# Scholar Success Program: June 2016

**22%** of Scholars completed requirements through **11<sup>th</sup> grade**



**RISK**

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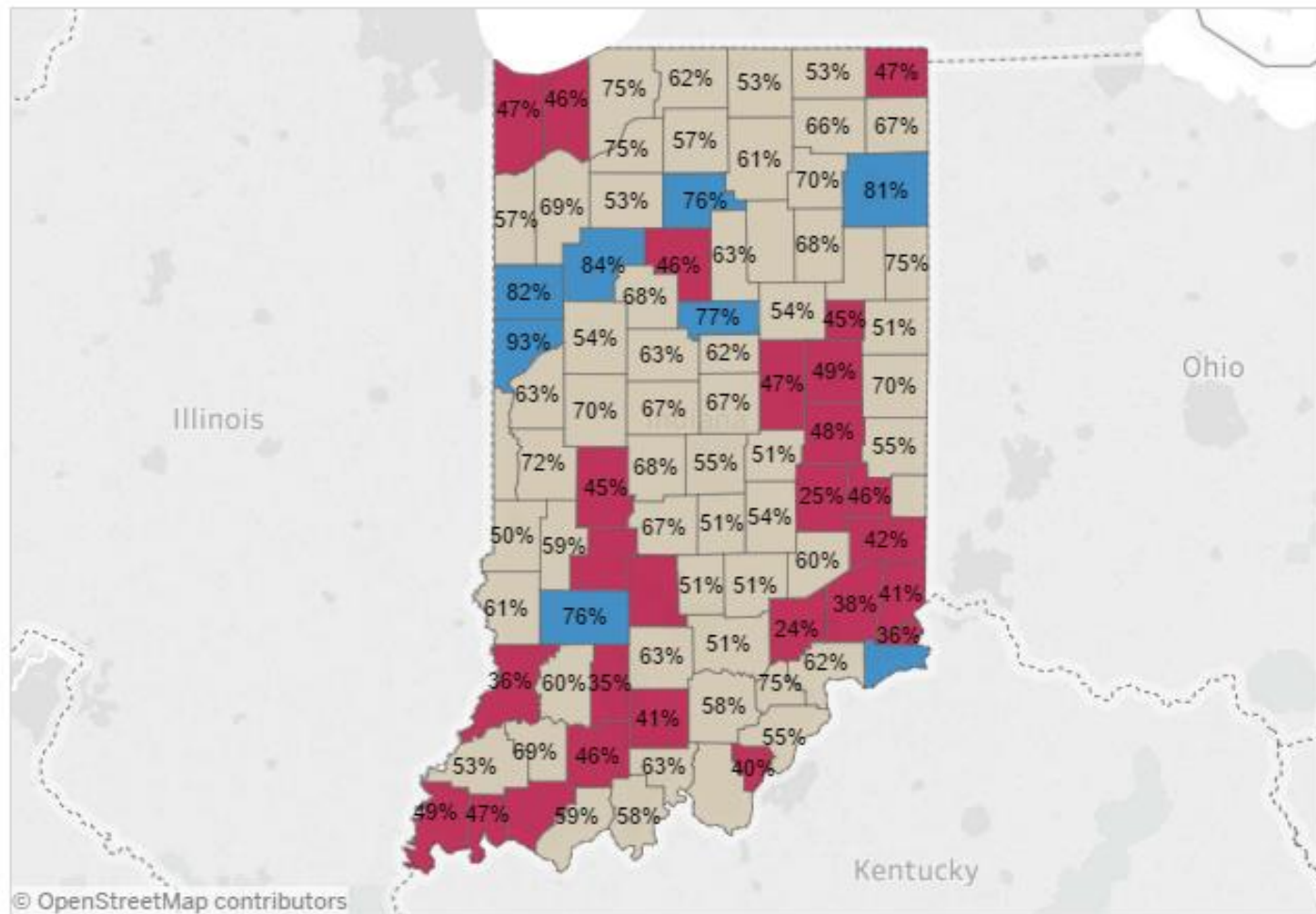
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**LOW** - 76% and above

Updated 06/06/2016

# Scholar Success Program: March 2017

**57%** of Scholars completed requirements through **11<sup>th</sup> grade**



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# Scholar Success Program Trends

	June 2016	December 2016	February 2017	March 2017
ScholarTrack Registration	71%	83%	85%	86%
Scholar Success Program: Complete through <b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	22%	47%	54%	57%
Scholar Success Program: Complete through <b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	0%	20%	35%	42%





# Historical Context: 2016 vs. 2017

## LAST YEAR (03/01/2016)

- **36%** of graduating Scholars submitted a single affirmation form.

**VS.**


## THIS YEAR (03/07/2017)

- **42%** of graduating Scholars have completed all 12 Scholar Success Program activities.








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## FIND THE SCHOLAR SUCCESS PROGRAM ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR GRADE LEVEL

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### THE SCHOLARSHIP

Earning the 21st Century Scholarship guarantees you'll receive up to four years of undergraduate tuition\* at any participating public college or university in Indiana. If you attend a private college, the state will award an amount comparable to that of a four-year public college. If you attend a participating proprietary (for-profit) school, the state will award a tuition scholarship equal to that of Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana.

*\*The scholarship amount may be reduced depending on the availability of funds and the availability of the student's family to contribute to college.*

As a 21st Century Scholar, not only do you earn a scholarship, you get step-by-step help to make sure you succeed in college. Plus, once you get to college, 21st Century Scholars receive support to finish their degrees.



# FAFSA Update



# FAFSA Communications

- **30+ FAFSA-specific communications sent by CHE between October 2016 – March 2017 to:**
  - High School Senior 21st Century Scholars,
  - College 21st Century Scholars, and
  - College State Financial Aid recipients (e.g., Frank O'Bannon, etc.)
- **520,000+ touch-points via multiple channels:**
  - Email Communications
  - Phone Calls
  - SMS/Text Messages
  - Direct Mail (postcards)



# FAFSA Direct Mail



**ATTENTION!**  
YOU ARE AT RISK OF LOSING YOUR 21ST CENTURY SCHOLARSHIP.

**IMPORTANT:** Our records show you have not yet filed the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), which is a requirement to remain eligible for your 21st Century Scholarship.

**DEADLINE:** File your FAFSA before **March 10, 2017** at **FAFSA.gov** to remain eligible for your 21st Century Scholarship.

Questions? Call 1-888-528-4719 or e-mail [Scholars@che.IN.gov](mailto:Scholars@che.IN.gov) for assistance.

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**ACT NOW!**  
You are **at risk** of losing your scholarship!

**Name:**  
**Scholar ID:**

**File your FAFSA\* before  
March 10, 2017 at FAFSA.gov**  
\*Free Application for Federal Student Aid

**QUESTIONS?**  
Contact Federal Student Aid at  
**1-800-433-3243** or visit  
**StudentAidHelp.ed.gov**

**Get on track!**

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\* All other Scholar Success Program activities must be completed by high school graduation at [ScholarTrack.IN.gov](http://ScholarTrack.IN.gov).

**Due March 10th!**



# Key Dates

- **Feb 6:** New **ScholarTrack** launched
- **March 10:** **FAFSA filing** deadline
- **May 15:** **FAFSA edit/correction** deadline
- **June 30:** **Scholar Success Program** deadline





# FAFSA Filing: 2016 vs. 2017

## LAST YEAR (Beginning Jan. 1, 2016)

- As of March 6: **23%** of high school seniors filed FAFSA.
- As of March 6: **42%** of senior 21CS filed FAFSA.
- By March 10: **38%** of high school seniors filed FAFSA.
- By March 10: **57%** of senior 21CS filed FAFSA.

**VS.**

## THIS YEAR (Beginning Oct. 1, 2016)

- As of March 6 : **37%** of high school seniors filed FAFSA.
- As of March 6: **46%** of senior 21CS filed FAFSA.
- By March 10: **TBD** (on track to surpass 2016-17)



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